

# **CALIFORNIA WATER PLAN UPDATE 2009**

## **CALIFORNIA TRIBAL WATER SUMMIT PLANNING TEAM**

### **DRAFT Highlights from Meeting, June 19, 2009, in Sacramento**

The seventh meeting of the California Tribal Water Summit Planning Team (PT) took place in Sacramento on June 19, 2009. The objectives of the meeting were to (1) complete Summit rescheduling, (2) select the umbrella topics that will be discussed at the Summit, and (3) clarify the process for mailing out Summit invitations.

#### **Summit Rescheduling**

The Team determined Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> would be the best days for the Tribal Water Summit, contingent upon the availability of the location. (Note: November 4 and 5, 2009, were subsequently chosen as final dates.)

#### **Summit Topics**

The Team concurred on the topic areas below for Tribal caucus sessions, which will take place during Day 1.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Rivers, Dams, and Fish<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• river restoration</li><li>• dam removal</li><li>• relicensing</li><li>• fisheries</li></ul></li><li>2. Institutional<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tribal involvement in state and regional water planning</li><li>• statewide consultation policy</li><li>• State Office of Indian Affairs</li><li>• Tribal access to state bond funding</li></ul></li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Watershed Management<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• groundwater management</li><li>• water quality</li><li>• flooding and floodplain management</li><li>• forest and fire management</li><li>• river restoration (deliberate repetition)</li></ul></li></ol> |
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The following topics were also selected as overall themes for the Summit:

- Tribal water rights
- Water as a cultural resource

Tribal water rights and water as a cultural resource were noted as overarching topics for the Summit, to be emphasized throughout. Tribal water rights will be covered during a panel session on Day 1, and keynote address and general session on Day 2.

#### **Briefing Papers**

This summer, the PT will develop and send out briefing papers to ensure Summit participants are fully briefed and prepared for the Summit. A \$5,000 donation has been made to support the development of these papers. PT members will also look into opportunities for others to assist on a pro bono status. The papers will be sent out sometime in September.